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News of Petersburg

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Petersburg, Va., December 10.—Should the decision of the State Corporation Commission, declaring the rolling stock act unconstitutional, be affirmed, the city of Petersburg, the headquarters of the Seaboard Air Line Railroad and of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, would save close to \$15,000 annually in taxes. Other cities of the State will save to a larger extent. The fight against the act was inaugurated and practically led by City Attorney Mason, and he is naturally much gratified at the commission's decision. Richmond, it is said, will gain about \$60,000, Roanoke about \$125,000, and Norfolk about \$100,000.

To Employ Demonstrators.

At a meeting last night of the board of governors of the Chamber of Commerce and the special committee appointed the previous evening, definite steps were taken towards inducing the farmers of the Southside counties to engage next year in the cultivation and curing of bright tobacco. It was decided to employ expert demonstrators to go out through the counties and give instructions to planters covering the period from the plant beds to the curing and marketing of the leaf. A committee, consisting of T. J. Heath, R. H. Mann and William M. Martin, was appointed to arrange for the selection of the demonstrators, and another committee, consisting of E. C. Kent, W. H. Wilcox and H. Smith, was appointed to raise the fund to pay the demonstrators. It is expected that a great number of the farmers in this section will raise bright tobacco next year, and that many millions of pounds will be marketed in Petersburg.

Masonic Election.

At a stated communication of Blanford Lodge, No. 2, of Masons, last night officers for the ensuing year were elected and installed, as follows: worshipful master, Harry N. James; senior warden, Virgil St. Cloud; junior warden, W. T. Baugh; treasurer, W. A. Presson; secretary, Vernon M. Campbell; senior deacon, J. I. Joyner; junior deacon, W. Y. Burge; chaplain, Robert Stewart; stewards, C. E. Williamson and James Y. Branch; Tyler, Joseph Williams; property committee, R. T. Matteson, James Y. Branch and J. E. Williamson. The lodge recommended Worshipful John Y. Harris, of Dinwiddie Lodge, as district deputy grand master.

Baraca Officers.

The Baraca Class of Wesley M. E. Church last night elected officers for the term of six months, as follows: president, C. W. Harrington; vice-presidents, T. C. Dewell, C. S. Warriner and N. H. Baird; teacher, W. R. Wood; secretary, J. H. Dixon; treasurer, A. Burkhardt; librarian, E. N. Keyes.

Wedding Notes.

David Alexander, one of Petersburg's best known and most popular young men, was married this afternoon in Burkeville, to Miss Dora L. Harper, of that place. He was accompanied to Burkeville by his mother, Mrs. Maria E. Alexander. The marriage was a

pleasant surprise to the many friends of the bridegroom.

This morning at 11:30 o'clock at the residence of the Rev. A. R. Love, the officiating minister, Miss Ada Hess and Raymond J. Jones, both of this city, were married.

The Blandford Disturbance.

The disturbance between white men and negroes in Blandford last evening came near resulting seriously, but fortunately did not. The young white men, it is said, had been drinking, but how the row originated is not known. No one was hurt at first, but later, when the white men had gone some distance away, one of them, Ernest Weatherford, was shot in the back, about the hip joint, penetrating his skin. He was not seriously hurt, but was pretty severely stung by the shot.

Wesley Moorefield, negro, was arrested, charged with shooting Weatherford, but in the Police Court the charge could not be sustained, and he was discharged. Weatherford and a companion, Wiley Newton, were each fined \$10 by the police justice for disorderly conduct and cursing in the public street.

Farmers' Union to Meet.

The Southside Farmers' Union will hold its monthly meeting in this city on Saturday, and will have before it several important matters for consideration. Representatives from the several adjacent counties will attend.

General News.

Representatives of the various companies interested are in the city today adjusting the losses caused by the recent burning of the Lovenstein Brothers' department store. The insurance on stock, building and fixtures largely exceeds \$100,000.

Miss Ethel Matteson left this evening for New York, to call for her father, who is visiting relatives during the winter. She is accompanied to New York by her brother, Charles A. Matteson.

News of Ashland.

Ashland, Va., December 10.—Dr. J. Thompson, health officer, returned from a business trip to Charleston, W. Va. Mr. Gilford Skelton was the guest of friends here on Tuesday.

Charles E. Potts has returned from Blacksburg, where he visited his son, Joseph Potts, who is a student at V. P. I. Miss Patricia C. Leake left yesterday for Jacksonville, Fla., where she will spend the winter months with her niece, Mrs. Lindsey Patton.

Miss Julie Weisger was the weekend guest of Mrs. J. Powers Fox at Chester, at Mrs. William J. Leake and Miss Mary Bierre will leave on Friday for Richmond, and will spend the winter at the Jefferson Hotel.

Rev. and Mrs. Henry Pfeiffer and little daughter will arrive tomorrow. Mr. Pfeiffer is the newly-appointed minister at Duncan Memorial Church, and comes with a splendid record, both as pastor and preacher.

The Woman's Club met on Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. James Chappell, president, and Mrs. Barrett Snyder read a very interesting paper on the "Peace Movement." The current events discussion was led by Mrs. J. C. Blainings.

DIVIDEND PASSED BY NEW HAVEN CO.

After Unbroken Record of Forty Years, Suspends Disbursements.

STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT

Unanimous Decision of Directors Reached After Protracted Meeting.

New York, December 10.—After an unbroken record of forty years, as a dividend payer, the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company has finally been forced to suspend further disbursements on its \$157,000,000 of stock.

This decision was reached late today after a protracted meeting of directors. While partly foreshadowed by the recent acute weakness of the stock, it will come as a shock to thousands of investors.

It is estimated that not less than \$40,000,000 of New Haven stocks and bonds, as well as securities of affiliated companies and real estate, are held by savings banks and other financial institutions.

The action of the directors, most of whom were present, was unanimous. Chairman Howard Elliott, in a statement, said:

"The New Haven is a strong company, owning valuable property, real estate and securities worth many millions of dollars. Some of this can, in time, be marketed, but it is very difficult to sell property and securities at this time, and the directors believe it is unwise to attempt to do so until general conditions are better."

"During the calendar year 1913 the road has already paid dividends of 5 per cent, amounting to \$8,673,861.50. For the four months of the fiscal year, July 1 to October 31, 1913, the income available from all companies upon which the New Haven can draw is, in round numbers, \$2,350,000, estimating that the net income for November and December will be \$500,000, makes a possible total income for six months of \$3,350,000. Deducting from this the 1-2 per cent dividend, \$1,178,750, paid September 30, leaves \$2,171,250, all of which is required for working capital."

Regarding the resumption of dividends, Mr. Elliott said:

"We are letting the future take care of itself."

New Haven began paying dividends in 1873, and for twenty years maintained a 10 per cent rate. In 1904 it fell to 5 per cent; in 1905 to 8 per cent, and in the early part of this year to 6 per cent, on the basis of 1-1-2 per cent quarterly.

A new low record for the stock was made on the local exchange today when it fell to 71-1-2, or less than one-third of its quoted prices a few years ago.

Government Rests Case.

New York, December 10.—Reserving the right to call two witnesses tomorrow, the government this afternoon rested its case against officers of the Radio Wireless Telephone Company, on trial for misuse of the mails with intent to defraud.

Women's Club Buys New Home.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Washington, December 10.—Former Vice-President Fairbanks' old home here, one of the most famous residences in Washington, is about to be purchased by the Washington Club, one of the most exclusive women's organizations in this city. The consideration, it was said today, will be in the neighborhood of \$110,000.

LIVING PROBLEM SOLVED

Co-Operative Stores Under Government Protection Is Alaskan Remedy.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Washington, December 10.—Co-operative stores under the protection of the government have solved the high cost of living problem in Alaska, according to a report yesterday from the Bureau of Education. Exorbitant prices charged by traders in the Territory led the government to undertake the experiment in one instance a cash dividend of 50 per cent was declared after a year's operation, enough funds remaining to build a larger store building.

The Weather.

Forecast: Virginia—Fair Thursday and Friday.
North Carolina—Fair Thursday and Friday.

Special Local Data for Yesterday.
12 noon temperature..... 44
3 P. M. temperature..... 40
Maximum temperature up to 5
Minimum temperature down to 3
P. M. temperature up to 4
Mean temperature..... 35
Normal temperature..... 42
Deficiency in temperature..... 7
Excess in temperature since March 1..... 77
Accumulated excess in temperature since January 1..... 246
Deficiency in rainfall since March 1..... 0.95
Accumulated deficiency in rainfall since January 1..... 2.07

Local Observation 8 P. M. Yesterday.
Temperature..... 41
Humidity..... 43
Wind—direction..... S. W.
Wind—velocity..... 2
Weather..... Clear

CONDITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES.
(At 8 P. M. Eastern Standard Time.)
Place..... H. L. T. Weather.
Asheville..... 40 50 Clear
Atlanta..... 44 52 Clear
Baltimore..... 44 52 Cloudy
Boston..... 40 50 Cloudy
Buffalo..... 34 36 24 Cloudy
Calgary..... 46 54 26 P. cloudy
Charleston..... 44 52 Clear
Chicago..... 42 46 26 Clear
Denver..... 30 40 20 Clear
Duluth..... 44 50 20 Clear
Galveston..... 54 54 50 Cloudy
Hatteras..... 48 50 40 Clear
Havre..... 44 52 Clear
Jacksonville..... 54 62 26 Clear
Kansas City..... 48 50 24 Clear
Louisville..... 48 50 24 Clear
Montgomery..... 48 50 24 Clear
New Orleans..... 54 52 42 Clear
New York..... 32 44 28 Snow
Norfolk..... 44 50 20 Clear
Oklahoma..... 44 52 20 Clear
Pittsburgh..... 34 34 28 Cloudy
Raleigh..... 44 52 28 Clear
St. Louis..... 44 50 34 Clear
St. Paul..... 42 46 20 P. cloudy
San Francisco..... 56 64 44 Rain
Savannah..... 48 56 44 Rain
Spokane..... 34 36 26 Clear
Tampa..... 56 68 46 Clear
Washington..... 48 52 28 Cloudy
Winnipeg..... 36 38 20 Clear
Wytheville..... 36 38 24 P. cloudy

MINIATURE ALMANAC.
December 11, 1913.
Sun rises..... 7:17 Morning..... 3:27
Sun sets..... 4:51 Evening..... 4:12

St. Ann's Day at Weisberger's

TO-DAY, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11th, TEN PER CENT. OF THE TOTAL CASH SALES OF OUR ENTIRE STORE WILL BE DONATED TO THE ST. ANN'S BENEVOLENT SOCIETY FOR DISTRIBUTION AMONG THE POOR OF RICHMOND.

We want to urge every charitably inclined person in Richmond to plan to do their shopping at this store To-day.

Believing that the charitable work of the St. Ann's Benevolent Society is one which deserves the support of every man and woman in Richmond, we have decided upon a unique method of aiding their cause by turning our entire store over to the society and donating 10 per cent. of the total sales To-day to them.

The charitable work of this society embraces every poor and needy person in Richmond, regardless of creed or nationality, so that whatever you purchase here To-day will help to buy clothing, food and fuel for all the poor of this city.

We want you to bear in mind that every dollar spent at this store To-day is the equivalent of giving 10 cents to the cause of worthy charity. Remember that it costs you nothing to be charitable To-day, as our usual low prices will prevail in every department and in many instances saving chance have been created for this day.

STORE DIRECTORY.

FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF THE THOUSANDS WHO WILL DOUBTLESS SHOP HERE TO-DAY WE GIVE BELOW THE DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS IN THE STORE AND THE FLOORS THAT THEY ARE ON

Basement

Housefurnishings--Gas Ranges--Domes and Toys.

Dress Goods, Silks, White Goods, Linens, Domestic Bedding, Laces, Embroideries, Trimmings, Women's Neckwear, Jewelry, Toilet Goods, Misses, Women's and Children's Shoes, Hosiery, Knit Underwear, Notions, Umbrellas, Ribbons, G'ves, Men's Furnishings, Men's Hats and Clothing.

Main Floor

Coats and Suits, Millinery, Furs, Muslin Underwear, Shirtwaists, Corsets, Boys' and Children's Clothing, Infants' Wear, Kimonos and Petticoats.

Second Floor

Furniture for the entire home, Carpets, Rugs, Oilcloths and Linoleums, Curtains and Draperies.

Third Floor

Fourth Floor

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To the Public:

The members of St. Ann's Benevolent Society desire to express to the Weisberger Company, of Richmond, their deep gratitude for their generous offer of 10 per cent. of the gross sales on Thursday, December the eleventh, the sum thus received by the society to be used for the benefit of the poor of the city. The society accepts the offer and invites the patronage of the public at the Weisberger store on the date in question.

MRS. P. J. RYAN, MRS. M. P. MURPHY, MISS BEATRICE CANEPA,
MRS. JOHN KAIN, MRS. M. P. MARRIN, MISS MARGARET LAFRATTA
Committee.

REQUIRED AMOUNT IS SUBSCRIBED

Memorial Building in Honor of Women of North and South to Be Erected.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Washington, December 10.—President Wilson, as president of the American Red Cross, to-day announced to the ninth annual meeting of the society that the \$300,000 necessary for the memorial building in honor of the women of the North and South in the Civil War has been subscribed. The fund has been guaranteed by Mrs. Russell Sage, John D. Rockefeller, Mrs. E. H. Harriman and James A. Scribner, originators of the movement. The securing of the \$300,000 will make immediately available the \$400,000 appropriated for this purpose by Congress.

Smaller donations have been promised for the furnishing of the building when erected.

Jacob H. Schiff, of New York, a member of the board of incorporators, has given \$100,000, to be devoted to the town and country nursing of the Red Cross. Mrs. Whitelaw Reid, as

chairman of this committee, has promised an annual donation of \$2,500.

Gold medals will be given to Governor James M. Cox, of Ohio, and John H. Patterson, of Dayton, in recognition of their services during the great Ohio floods last March.

It was also announced by the President that \$5,000 had been pledged annually by Cleveland H. Dodge to establish four agencies and employ four assistants for National Director Ernest P. Bicknell. The agencies will be located in the Atlantic, Pacific, Mississippi and Rocky Mountain regions, and make the work of the American Red Cross more effective.

Among the other speakers of the session were John Skelton Williams, assistant Secretary of the Treasury; Miss

Jane A. Delano, of New York; Major Robert L. Patterson and John Bassett Moore.

SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS CITY.

Judges Sustain Asheville Milk Tax of \$1 a Cow--Summary of Cases. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Richmond, N. C., December 10.—Opinions were delivered this evening by the Supreme Court in twenty-seven appeals, and it is now likely that the court will adjourn for the term before the end of the week.

In the city of Asheville vs. H. L. Nettles, dairyman, the court sustained the Asheville milk ordinance prescribing a license tax of \$1 a cow, and specifying the standard of sanitation that must be observed in managing dairies and marketing milk. Chief Justice Clark wrote the opinion, in which the court sustained the right of the Legislature to empower a city to enforce ordinances such as Asheville has adopted. The opinions delivered followed:

Commissioners of Rutland vs. Trust Company, Rutland County affirmed; Rees et al. vs. Williams, Wake, reversed; Asheville vs. Nettles, Buncombe, affirmed; Hartwell vs. City of Asheville, affirmed; Hooker vs. Railroad Company, Madison, no error; Hall vs. Jones, Wilkes, affirmed; Wheeler vs. Cold, Buncombe, affirmed; Fisher vs. Railroad, Madison, reversed; Porter vs. Lumber Company, motion allowed; Bain vs. Goldsboro, Wayne, affirmed; Williams vs. Hutton, McDowell, affirmed; Heilman vs. Johnson, Mitchell, no error; Mill Company vs. Webb, Buncombe, no error; Hardin vs. Green, Watauga, partial new trial, costs vs. Ragan, State vs. Claudius, Buncombe, no error; Richards vs.

Hedges, Henderson, no error; Bank vs. King, Granville, no error; Jeans vs. Railroad Company, Anson, no error; Radia vs. Well, Wayne, affirmed; Smith vs. Quarries Company, Rowan, affirmed; Hoyle vs. City of Hickory, Catawba, new trial; A. and A. Railroad Company vs. Seaboard Air Line, Moore, no error; Luther vs. Buncombe County, affirmed; State vs. Jenkins, Buncombe, no error; Arundell Company vs. Mill Company, Catawba, no error; State vs. Railroad Company, Alamance, affirmed.

Seek New Trial for Wilson. Charleston, W. Va., December 9.—Counsel for E. Graham Wilson, a wealthy farmer, recently convicted of assaulting Miss Kate Turner, began arguments to-day in an effort to secure a new trial. A decision is expected tomorrow.

Decrease in Unfilled Tonnage. New York, December 10.—The unfilled tonnage of the United States Steel Corporation on November 30 totaled 4,396,347 tons, a decrease of 117,420 tons from October.

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